



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 10, 1999

S. 1418

**An act to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi,
in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi,
and for other purposes**

As passed by the Senate on November 5, 1999

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1418 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because enactment of S. 1418 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The act contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1418 would eliminate a provision in current law that limits the authority of the federal courts to lease space in order to convene proceedings in Natchez, Mississippi. Enacting this legislation would allow Natchez, Mississippi to charge the federal government for the use of county court facilities. Based on information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, CBO estimates the cost to the federal government of implementing this act would not exceed \$500,000 a year. A small number of federal court cases are now tried at Natchez County Court facilities, and CBO does not expect the case load to increase significantly as a result of implementing this act.

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